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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

Colombia*: draft resolution

Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/75 I of 15 December 1994,

Recalling also that three special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament were held in 1978, 1982 and 1988,

Bearing in mind the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 1/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, and the final objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Welcoming the recent positive changes in the international landscape, characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions at the global level and the emergence of a new spirit governing relations among nations,

Noting paragraph 108 of the Final Declaration of the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, which supported the convening of the fourth special session of

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

1/ Resolution S-10/2.

the General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1997, which would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the process of disarmament and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favour of the elimination of weapons of mass destruction and of the control and the reduction of conventional weapons,

Expecting that, since negotiations and action on important disarmament issues will be completed by the end of 1996, the year 1997 would be an opportune time to review the progress in the entire field of disarmament in the post-cold-war era,

1. Decides to convene its fourth special session on disarmament to be held in 1997, if possible, with the exact date and agenda to be decided upon before the end of the current session of the General Assembly through consultations;

2. Also decides to establish a Preparatory Committee to prepare a draft agenda for the special session and to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and submit its recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

3. Invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 1 April 1996, their views on the draft agenda and other relevant questions relating to the fourth special session on disarmament;

4. Requests the Preparatory Committee to meet for a short organizational session before the end of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly in order, inter alia, to set the date for its substantive session;

5. Also requests the Preparatory Committee to submit its progress report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session an item entitled: "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament".